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**Mr. Boyd Crawford, Staff Administrator
Committee on Foreign Affairs
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515**

Dear Boyd:

I've noticed the many well-deserved tributes you have received from Chairman Morgan and other members of the Committee on the occasion of your retirement, and I want you to know that these sentiments are enthusiastically shared by those of us here in this Agency who are familiar with your work. Your wise counsel and unfailing cooperation have been a tremendous help to us over a number of years. You've always understood our problems on the Hill, and you've always been ready to sit down with us and try to work them out to the mutual satisfaction of all concerned.

While you will be sorely missed from your old spot on the staff, I gather you will be remaining in the Washington area and I hope our paths will cross again in the future. Meanwhile we all wish you a very Merry Christmas and a healthy and happy retirement.

Sincerely,

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**Richard Helms
Director**

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